

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven C. Bauman (Reg. No. 33,832) on June 3, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

- On page 1 after the title, insert:

--This is a national stage application of PCT/JP04/18790, filed December 16, 2004, which claims foreign priority to Japanese Application No. 2003-422885, filed December 19, 2003.--

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cationically curable epoxy resin composition comprising:

- (a) an epoxy resin component comprising the combination of bisphenol A epoxy resin, hydrogenated bisphenol A epoxy resin and dicyclopentadiene epoxy resin;
- (b) a cationic photo-initiator;
- (c) a cationic thermal-initiator; and
- (d) a filler selected from the group consisting of oxides, hydroxides and carbonates, each containing a Group II element in the long periodic table.

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11. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the Group II element in the filler is selected from the group consisting of magnesium, calcium and barium.

12. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 11, wherein the Group II element in the filler is magnesium.

13. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the filler is selected from the group consisting of MgO, Mg(OH)₂, talc, cordierite, magnesium meta-silicate and magnesium ortho-silicate.

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DETAILED ALLOWANCE

Pending Claims

Claims 1, 2, and 6-14 are pending.

Response to Amendment

1. The objection to claims 4 and 5 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.
2. The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williamson et al. (US Pat. No. 5,730,764) has been rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim.
3. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williamson et al. (US Pat. No. 5,730,764) has been overcome by amendment.
4. The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tumey et al. (US Pat. No. 4,836,832) has been rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim.
5. The rejection of claims 1, 6, 8 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tumey et al. (US Pat. No. 4,836,832) has been overcome by amendment.
6. The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williamson et al. (US Pat. No. 5,730,764) in view of Tumey et al. (US Pat. No. 4,836,832) or Takahashi et al. (JP 05-171084 A) has been overcome by amendment.
7. The rejection of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williamson et al. (US Pat. No. 5,730,764) in view of Tumey et al. (US Pat. No. 4,836,832) has been overcome by amendment.

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Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1, 2, and 6-14 are allowed.

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Feely whose telephone number is (571)272-1086. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Y. Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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